

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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February 10, 2004

FROM: MARK H. UFFER, Director
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA INSTITUTION FOR MEN, DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS (STATE CONTRACT NO.: CIM03026)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve agreement with California Institution for Men (CIM), Department of Corrections, effective April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2007, in an amount not-to-exceed \$775,000, for services provided to inmates. Direct Clerk of the Board to maintain confidentiality pursuant to Government Code 6254.14.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Approval of this item will allow Arrowhead Regional Medical Center to bill and receive reimbursement for services provided to inmates of CIM, Department of Corrections.

As the contracted provider, Riverside County Regional Medical Center provides routine medical care for inmates at the California Institution for Men (CIM) in Chino, California. CIM's agreement with Riverside County Regional Medical Center does not include trauma services, as Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC) is closer to the Chino facility than Riverside County Regional Medical Center. The Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) requires that the nearest trauma center accept and provide necessary services to any emergency patient presenting for such services. Therefore, when an inmate suffers a trauma, ambulance service is required to transport the patient to the nearest trauma facility, which in this case is ARMC. ARMC must accept and treat the inmate. The State of California, Department of Corrections, which oversees CIM, cannot remit payment to ARMC for these trauma patients without a valid agreement.

On August 13, 2002 the Board of Supervisors approved Agreement No. 02-835 with CIM, Department of Corrections. This agreement expires March 31, 2004. In the past, CIM, Department of Corrections has submitted these agreements on a retroactive basis. However, the Sacramento office of the Department of Corrections has recently reorganized their contracting procedures and they are now requesting approval of agreements prior to services being provided.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles J. Larkin, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5433) on January 22, 2004, and County Administrative Office (Beatriz Valdez, Administrative Analyst, 386-8145) on January 28, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This agreement allows the Medical Center to bill and receive reimbursement CIM, Department of Corrections for service provided to inmates. This is a three-year agreement for an amount not-to-exceed \$775,000. The current contract is for an amount not-to-exceed \$200,000 for the period July 1, 2002 through March 31, 2004.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval as it imposes no local cost to the County.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Mark H. Uffer, Director, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, 580-6150

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